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MONAHANS MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that in Pecos, TX, U.S. District Judge Robert Junell sentenced Armando Orona, Jr., to 144 months in federal prison and fined him \$5,000 for the possession, receipt and distribution of child pornography.

This investigation began when U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in Oklahoma City, OK, seized a computer which contained child pornography. Information derived from that computer ultimately led ICE agents to Orona, a juvenile correctional officer at the Texas Youth Commission in Pyote, TX. In July 2004, ICE agents executed a search warrant and seized Orona's computer. Investigators discovered more than 1,000 images and video clips of child pornography on the computer including those of children under the age of 12 involved in sadomasochistic acts with adults. Orona was found guilty following a jury trial on October 19, 2004.

This case was investigated by agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office in Midland and Fort Stockton, TX, and was prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney James J. Miller, Jr.

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